

**Amos Kendall to Andrew Jackson, September 19, 1842,
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class=MsoNormal>AMOS KENDALL TO JACKSON.

Washington, September 19, 1842.

My Dear Sir, It was my purpose to be with you before this date; but that purpose is defeated by the issuing of a case by Stockton and Stokes on their unjust judgment against me which compels me to live within the Prison Bounds for one year. This restraint is a sad calamity to me for more reasons than one; but it is in the order of Providence and therefore commands from me a cheerful submission.

I am, however, very anxious not to be thwarted in my desire to avail myself of much additional information as may be derived from a careful examination of your papers in the speedy completion of your Biography which now more than ever I have deeply at heart; and to that end solicit the favor of substituting another in my place who shall examine and arrange them under your inspection. I have thought of James A. McLaughlin, a nephew of Mrs. Kendall now in Missouri, who, though young, is competent to the task, and in honor and fidelity is above suspicion. Will not an arrangement be compatible with your views and feelings? If so, will you drop a line to that effect addressed to James A. McLaughlin, Belle Plaine, Clarke County, Mo. where he is Postmaster. I shall write him immediately in the hope that he will undertake the service and be prepared to enter upon it forthwith. . . . 1

1 See the Preface to this volume.